



Transport and Urban Development

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The COST mission

Strengthen Europe in scientific and technical research for peaceful purposes through the support of cooperation and interaction between European researchers

The COST programme is a long-running, economical and highly successful way to spread awareness and build networks between Europe's researchers. It reflects the human dimension of science, helping researchers to share not only the results of their work but also their aims and methods.

COST characteristics

- Co-ordination through networking
- Pan-European
- Multi-disciplinary “Non-competitive”
(pre-normative; public utility)
- National financing of researchers and projects – national responsibility
- Bottom-up – no fixed programme
- Flexible participation – join in if you are interested
- “Interdisciplinary Exploratoria”
- Enabling agent: focus on younger researchers
- Open to wider cooperation